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Dear Mr. Everson:

In light of USIA's plans for "WORLDNET," it has occurred to me that it might be useful to brief appropriate USIA officers on certain modernization plans for the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, a component of CIA which is responsible for overt collection of information from world broadcasts.

Specifically, our budgeted plans include a worldwide system called "ROSET"--designed to monitor media information from satellite transmissions of foreign countries--and a new worldwide communications link between FBIS bureaus and our Headquarters called "INTERNET," which will utilize INTELSTAT communications to handle raw data, such as television transmissions and facsimile intercepts, as well as message traffic.

As you know, FBIS has been monitoring foreign radio and television for many years, but we are currently engaged in various projects designed to expand our television monitoring and to accommodate our handling of DBS as well as communications relay satellites. We have, for the past 41 years, operated as a service of common concern, including support of USIA and VOA.

My deputy, [redacted], and I would be pleased to describe in detail to you, or your designees, our plans for upgrading our capabilities in monitoring worldwide media, and the distribution in the Washington area, in hopes that will facilitate our mutual planning. If someone could call me on [redacted] we will be pleased to visit USIA and provide to you a description of our modernization plans.

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